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20-Acre Ken Fire Near Devore 100 Percent Contained

Maribel Turner and Nisha Gutierrez-Jaime, KTLA5 News

Posted: September 3, 2016, 10:48 PM

A brush fire that erupted Saturday night near Devore is now 25 percent contained, fire officials reported.

The Ken Fire was fully contained on Sunday, after burning 20 acres at a moderate rate of speed and sending multiple agencies into "attack mode," the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** reported in a tweet. The fire was burning off the 15 Freeway, between Kenwood and Blue Cut.

At least 185 firefighters were battling the blaze until 100 percent containment was reached around 4 p.m.

Multiple lanes of the 15 Freeway were closed while fire crews hauled in emergency equipment.

<http://ktla.com/2016/09/03/ken-fire-erupts-near-15-freeway-north-of-kenwood-moving-at-moderate-rate/>

Active nighttime fire burns 20 acres near I-15, then 'runs out of gas'

John M. Blodgett, Press Enterprise

Posted: September 3, 2016, 11:58 PM



Courtesy of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

An active nighttime fire burned 20 acres alongside Interstate 15 in the Cajon Pass – starting roughly in the same area as last month's devastating Blue Cut fire – on Saturday, Sept. 3, before it stalled, fire officials said.

Dubbed the Ken fire, flames quickly burned up a hill along the northbound lanes of the freeway near Kenwood Avenue.

Once it got to the top of the hill and started burning downhill, "it ran out of gas," said **San Bernardino County fire** Battalion Chief Larry Lavogue.

The goal Saturday night, Lavogue said, was to get a line around the fire.

There was no immediate threat to structures, fire officials said. The nearest structure is Matthew's Ranch, about a mile from the flames.

Night aircraft has been ordered, according to a tweet from Cal Fire San Bernardino County.

Deputies were diverted from electronic dance music festival Nocturnal Wonderland at San Manuel Amphitheater to assist with the blaze, San Bernardino County sheriff's officials tweeted.

The blaze, reported to the California Highway Patrol at 9:44 p.m., initially shut down all lanes of the freeway.

By 10:22 p.m., the two far right lanes were closed, according to the CHP, and the fire was heading north east – away from lanes.

Traffic had backed up about 2 miles to the I-15-Interstate 215 interchange.

The blaze comes on the heels of the Blue Cut fire, which sparked Tuesday, Aug. 16, and eventually destroyed more than 300 structures, forced the evacuation of 82,000 residents and burned more than 36,000 acres.

Among the buildings destroyed were the storied Summit Inn restaurant and the McDonald's at I-15 and the 138.

This is a developing story. Stick with PE.com for the latest.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/lanes-812504-cajon-northbound.html>

Breaking: Fast Moving Brush Fire Erupts Near 15/215 Freeways

Victor Valley News

Posted: September 3, 2016



(Photo by Jessica Elise)

Updates

11:45 PM – Firefighters are making progress and the fire is holding at 20 acres, according to San Bernardino National Forrest.

11:00 PM – The KenFire is now at 19 acres, 0% containment, and moving away from the freeway.

10:45 PM- All but two lanes on the northbound 15 freeway are closed.

10:30 PM – The fire has been dubbed the Ken Fire.

Original Article

DEVORE, CA:(VVNG.com)- A fast-moving brush fire erupted the Cajon Pass near the town of Devore on Saturday night.

The fire was reported at 9:45 p.m. along the northbound I-15 freeway near the 215 interchange.

The fire is reported to be 7-10 acres and threatening structures. Night aircraft have been requested.

San Bernardino County Fire tweeted that the fire is moving at a fast rate of spread and units are in attack mode.

The fire is burning near the area where the Blue Cut Fire burned.

CalTrans has closed the northbound 215 to at the 15 to northbound traffic.

Information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/breaking-fast-moving-brush-fire-erupts-near-15215-freeways/>

Breaking News: Another fire erupts in Cajon Pass

Victor Valley Daily Press

Posted: September 3, 2016, 12:01 AM

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** continues to fight a brush fire that broke out just off the northbound side of Interstate 15 freeway and Kenwood Avenue late Saturday night.

According to County Fire's twitter site, the wind-driven fire had grown to approximately 20 acres and was burning away from the freeway. No structures were immediately threatened by the fire that was 0 percent contained.

The blaze, known as the Ken Fire, closed all lanes of northbound I-15 indefinitely.

Multiple agencies were working on extinguishing the flames, mainly with air attacks.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160903/breaking-news-another-fire-erupts-in-cajon-pass>

Firefighters Fully Contain Blaze in Devore

The fire burned east of the 15 Freeway between Blue Cut and Kenwood.

Whitney Irick, NBC4 News

Posted: September 3, 2016



Firefighters are fighting the Ken Fire in the Inland Empire by ground and air on Sept. 3, 2016. LoudLabs News

A blaze that burned 20 acres of vegetation in San Bernardino County was fully contained by Sunday afternoon, officials said.

The so-called Ken Fire in Devore burned east of the 15 Freeway between Blue Cut and Kenwood Avenue beginning around 10 p.m., officials said.

The fire was spreading moderately and was 25 percent contained as of 1 a.m. Sunday.

The National Forest, **San Bernardino County Fire** and Cal Fire responded to the fire.

It was not immediately clear if any structures were threatened by the fire.

The fire forced a freeway closure on the northbound 15 Freeway at the 215 Freeway as it burned in a northeast direction, away from the mainline of the freeway.

All roads were reopened as of Sunday evening.

The Blue Cut Fire, which forced a closure of the Cajon Pass in August, forced thousands from their homes in the same area as the Ken Fire.

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Firefighters-Battling-Blaze-in-Devore-392277221.html>

Ken Fire: Firefighters Tackle Fire In Cajon Pass – 100% Contained (UPDATE 6)

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

Posted: September 4, 2016, 3:57 AM



The Ken Fire was reported in the Cajon Pass just before 10 p.m. Saturday. (Photo by InciWeb)

UPDATE 6: Sunday, September 4 – 6:22 p.m.

Devore, CA – The San Bernardino National Forest is now reporting the Ken Fire 100% contained. The fire burned 20 acres and impacted some lanes of I-15 for an extended period of time.

At the peak of the firefight there were 185 firefighters battling the blaze.

UPDATE 5: Sunday, September 4 – 4:58 p.m.

Devore, CA – Caltrans has announced that the number 6 northbound lane of I-15 in the Cajon Pass is now open.

Full containment is still expected by 6 p.m. Sunday, September 4.

UPDATE 4: Sunday, September 4 – 1 p.m.

Devore, CA – Full containment of the Ken Fire in the Cajon Pass is expected by about 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 4, according to the U. S. Forest Service (San Bernardino National Forest), InciWeb and socialmountains.com.

The 20-acre Ken Fire burned in a northeastern direction and posed a threat for a time to the Mathews Ranch, just north of the fire

UPDATE 3: Sunday, September 4 – 11:20 a.m.

Devore, CA – InciWeb is reporting the Ken Fire in the Cajon Pass has been held to 20 acres with 25 percent containment.

Firefighters will continue to improve the fireline and eliminate hot spots within the interior of the fire.

UPDATE 2: Sunday, September 4 – 9:33 a.m.

Devore, CA – Caltrans is reporting the northbound number 5 lane is now open on I-15 in proximity to the Ken Fire burning near Kenwood Avenue.

ROTWNEWS.com is awaiting the updated information on the Ken Fire that was reported just before 10 p.m. Saturday.

UPDATE: Sunday, September 4 – 4:33 a.m.

Devore, CA – The number 5 and 6 lanes are closed northbound on I-15 due to the Ken Fire that is holding at just over 20 acres.

San Bernardino National Forest firefighters are being assisted by **San Bernardino County Fire**, CALFIRE, California Highway Patrol and Rancho Cucamonga Fire. However, some local units have been released, according to the Incident Command.

The Ken Fire has a slow to moderate rate of spread and is moving uphill with terrain.

ORIGINAL STORY

Devore, CA – A wildfire is burning in the Cajon Pass near Kenwood Avenue. The so-called Ken Fire was reported at 9:48 p.m. Saturday and the latest information from the Incident Commander is that it has burned roughly 20 acres and is 25 percent contained.

InciWeb and socialmountains.com are reporting that 185 personnel are working the Ken Fire and that two lanes of northbound I-15 are closed due to fire equipment.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/09/04/ken-fire-firefighters-tackle-another-fire-in-cajon-pass/>

Ken Fire declared fully contained

Crews make quick work of Cajon Pass blaze, hold it to 20 acres

Victor Valley Daily Press

Posted: September 4, 2016, 8:35 AM



A Cal Fire hand crew from Pilot Rock stands next to what is left of the Ken Fire that erupted next to northbound Interstate 15 near Kenwood Avenue on Saturday in Devore. Jose Huerta, Press Dispatch

Firefighters made quick work of a wildfire that started shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday near Kenwood Avenue in the Cajon Pass, with officials saying the blaze had been fully contained late Sunday afternoon.

The blaze, dubbed the Ken Fire, steadily held to about 20 acres burned throughout Sunday and officials announced shortly after 6 p.m. that full containment had been reached two hours earlier.

It was initially reported at roughly 9:48 p.m. Saturday, according to the San Bernardino National Forest. It quickly grew from 2 to 7 acres, then to about 20 acres. Night flight aircraft were called in to battle the flames and stayed on the attack until a marine layer developed before 6 a.m. Sunday and forced all aircraft to be grounded.

A rapid response on the ground and in the air, including several water drops from a helicopter and an air attack using infrared detection, turned out to be a boon to squashing a slow to moderate fire movement uphill in the northeastern direction.

The blaze had largely been held at bay and few updates since pre-dawn Sunday appeared to indicate it had been stifled by the aggressive efforts of those assigned to fight it.

"The good news is they're not too worried about it," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Gregg Goodland said shortly before an 11 a.m. update. "The fact they haven't put out any new information since about 3 a.m. indicates that fire was pretty much done at that time."

Into the afternoon, crews had been seeking to continue to improve fire line and eliminate hot spots within the interior of the fire that had initially posed a threat to the Mathews Ranch just north of the blaze, the Forest Service said.

Shortly after the fire broke out Saturday night, all northbound lanes of Interstate 15 were closed. But after the closure quickly scaled back to just a half mile for the two farthest right lanes near Kenwood Avenue, the

number 5 lane re-opened Sunday morning and the number 6 lane re-opened in the late afternoon, authorities said.

According to the Forest Service, which was handling information on the blaze, about 185 personnel were involved during the peak of the firefight Saturday night and early Sunday morning. They included personnel from **San Bernardino County Fire**, Cal Fire, the Forest Service and Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department. California Highway Patrol officers were involved in traffic control.

The Forest Service said 18 fire engines, five hand crews, two bulldozers, four water tenders, a night flying helicopter and an air attack had been employed in the fire area, which involved fuels of grass and brush.

Sheriff's officials said deputies assigned to the Nocturnal Wonderland Festival in San Bernardino assisted with the fire.

There were no structures reported lost and no injuries were reported, authorities said.

The area of the Ken Fire was near Devore, to the east of I-15, just a couple miles south of where the massive Bluecut Fire broke out in mid-August. This area was spared from the Bluecut Fire, but features steep terrain and heavy brush.

The cause was under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20160904/ken-fire-declared-fully-contained>

Ken fire in Cajon Pass 100 percent contained (UPDATE)

John Blodgett, Press Enterprise

Posted: September 4, 2016, 10:45 PM



San Bernardino National Forest Photo

A quick-strike response by 185 firefighters on the Ken fire in the Cajon Pass, a blaze sparked Saturday night near the Kenwood Avenue off-ramp on the 15 Freeway, led to the 20-acre fire's 100 percent containment by 4 p.m. Sunday, up from 25 percent in the morning.

The blaze, reported to the California Highway Patrol at 9:44 p.m. Saturday, initially shut down all lanes of the freeway, then just the No. 1 and No. 2 lanes of the stretch just north of the 215 Interchange.

As of 9:40 a.m. Sunday, one northbound lane of the 15 Freeway was still closed. It was reopened 3:45 p.m.

Once the fire, fueled by grass and brush, got to the top of a hill on the east side of the 15 and started burning downhill, "it ran out of gas," said **San Bernardino County fire** Battalion Chief Larry Lavogue late Saturday.

There were no reports of damage caused by the fire, which started roughly in the same area as last month's devastating Blue Cut fire.

There was no immediate threat to structures, fire officials said.

Deputies were diverted from electronic dance music festival Nocturnal Wonderland at San Manuel Amphitheater to assist with the blaze, San Bernardino County sheriff's officials tweeted Saturday.

The blaze comes on the heels of the Blue Cut fire, which sparked Aug. 16, and eventually destroyed more than 300 structures, forced the evacuation of 82,000 residents and burned more than 36,000 acres.

Among the buildings destroyed in the Blue Cut fire were the storied Summit Inn restaurant and the McDonald's at the 15 and Highway 138.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/blaze-812512-sparked-night.html>

Firefighters battle blaze in area of previous major wildfire

Associated Press via Havasu News

Posted: September 4, 2016

DEVORE, California (AP) — The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** says it's battling a wildfire that spread along a heavily used highway in an area that had been the site of a major wildfire last month.

The department says on its Twitter account Saturday night that the wildfire is near Interstate 15 in Devore. Interstate 15 is a major route for travelers and truckers between Southern California's population centers and Las Vegas.

KABC-TV reports that the blaze led to a road closure at the 215 Freeway interchange. KABC says the wildfire broke out around 10 p.m. The station says it started along I-15 north of the Kenwood Avenue off-ramp.

The U.S. Forest Service said shortly after midnight that the 20-acre fire is now 25 percent contained. About 185 firefighters are battling the blaze.

In mid-August, a wildfire in the area with a ferocity never seen before by veteran California firefighters raced up and down canyons, instantly engulfing homes and forcing thousands of people to flee, some running for their lives just ahead of the flames. Five years of drought have turned the state's wildlands into a tinder box.

http://www.havasunews.com/news/arizona/firefighters-battle-blaze-in-area-of-previous-major-wildfire/article_ce364d70-c7df-5e44-bbc1-613404b8e873.html

Arson attempt in Devore foiled by railroad police

Aaron Claverie, Press Enterprise

Posted: September 4, 2016, 11:00 AM

An registered arsonist from Ontario, Larry Missirilian, was arrested Saturday morning after police found him sitting in a parked car filled with numerous items that could be used to start a brush fire.

The list included a 5-gallon can of gasoline, large butane torches, lighter fluid and new cigarette lighters under the driver's seat. The items appeared to be set up for immediate use, according to a release by the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department.

Deputies arrested Missirilian after receiving a call from the Union Pacific Railroad Police, who spotted a car parked illegally near dry brush in Devore.

That area is near the charred acreage of the Blue cut fire, which devastated the region a couple weeks ago.

Missirilian is on parole and listed as an arson registrant.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/ontario-812516-filled-parked.html>

Convicted arsonist arrested with flammables in Cajon Pass

On parole, Ontario man allegedly possessed gasoline, torches, lighter fluid

Victor Valley Daily Press

Posted: September 4, 2016, 2:21 PM

DEVORE — A convicted arsonist on parole was arrested Saturday morning in the Cajon Pass for allegedly possessing flammable materials that "appeared to be set ready for immediate use" just 10 feet from a patch of land unscathed by last month's devastating BlueCut Fire, authorities said.

Larry Missirilian, 61, of Ontario, was arrested for arson and violation of his parole terms. He was booked without incident at West Valley Detention Center.

Found in a parked vehicle trespassing on Union Pacific Railroad property near North Cajon Boulevard and Cleghorn Road, Missirilian was contacted by UP police and determined to be on active parole and an arson registrant, authorities said. The railroad officer notified San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputy L. Sandoval to assist.

The incident was reported at 9:23 a.m.

"They conducted a vehicle search and discovered Missirilian had a 5-gallon can of gasoline, large butane torches, lighter fluid, and new cigarette lighters underneath the driver's seat," sheriff's officials said in a statement Sunday. "The items appeared to be set ready for immediate use."

He was parked roughly 10 feet from "a large dry unburned area where the BlueCut Fire had not burned," authorities said.

His arrest came about 12 hours before the Ken Fire burned 20 acres near Kenwood Avenue and on the heels of two major fires igniting in the pass last month: The BlueCut Fire began Aug. 16 and scorched more than 36,000 acres in this region forcing 82,000 residents to evacuate their homes and destroying an estimated 110 homes, 216 outbuildings and more than 200 vehicles.

The Pilot Fire started Aug. 7 and burned more than 8,000 acres in the San Bernardino Mountains and Summit Valley for over a week.

The cause of both fires, and Saturday night's Ken Fire, have not been publicly stated by authorities, and sheriff's officials did not suggest a connection Sunday between Missirilian and the start of the two earlier fires.

However, they are seeking the public's help with regard to the investigation following Missirilian's arrest Saturday. Those wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463) or visit WeTip.com.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160904/convicted-arsonist-arrested-with-flammables-in-cajon-pass>

Arsonist Arrested With Flammables Near Blue Cut Fire Area

Victor Valley News

Posted: September 4, 2016



(Photos Facebook)

DEVORE, CA:(VVNG.com)- Authorities announced the arrest of an arson registrant found to be in possession of flammables in the area near the previously burned Blue Cut Fire.

Larry Missirlian, 61, a resident of Ontario was contacted by the Union Pacific Rail Road Police on Saturday, September 3rd at about 9:23 a.m.

Missirlian was found sitting inside a parked vehicle while trespassing on railroad property on north Cajon Blvd. and Cleghorn Road in Devore.

Missirlian was parked approximately 10 feet from a large dry unburned area where the Blue Cut Fire had not burned.

After making contact police determined Missirlian was an active parole and an arson registrant.

They conducted a vehicle search and discovered Missirlian had a 5-gallon can of gasoline, large butane torches, lighter fluid, and new cigarette lighters underneath the driver's seat. The items appeared to be set ready for immediate use.

Missirilian was arrested for arson and for violating his arson / parole terms. He was booked at West Valley Detention Center without incident.

According to public court records, he is currently being held on \$50,000 bail for possession of arson material and no bail for violation of parole. Missirilian is scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday, September 7th at 12:30 pm.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463) or you may leave information on the We-Tip Hotline at www.wetip.com.

<http://www.vvng.com/arsonist-arrested-with-flammables-near-blue-cut-fire-area/>

Arsonist may be linked to Blue Cut Fire

Inland News Today

Posted: September 4, 2016

DEVORE – (INT) – A convicted arsonist is being questioned about his possible involvement in the Blue Cut Fire.

Police for Union Pacific Railroad said they found Larry Missirilian, 61, of Ontario sitting in a parked vehicle Saturday near where the fire started August 16th. Missirilian was trespassing on railroad property just 10 feet from brush the Blue Cut Fire had not burned.

Inside his vehicle were a 5 gallon can of gasoline, large butane torches, lighter fluid, and new cigarette lighters underneath the driver's seat. Authorities said the items appeared to be ready for immediate use.

Missirilian was arrested without incident on suspicion of arson and for violating his parole terms.

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=43401>

Deputies arrest arson registrant with flammables

Highland News

Posted: September 5, 2016, 7:52 AM

On Saturday, September 3, 2016, at approximately 9:23 am the Union Pacific Railroad Police contacted a man sitting inside a parked vehicle trespassing on railroad property. The officer contacted the subject, later identified as Larry Missirilian, 51, of Ontario, and discovered he was on active parole and was an arson registrant.

The officer notified the sheriff's department and Deputy L. Sandoval from the Central Station responded to assist.

They conducted a vehicle search and discovered Missirilian had a 5 gallon can of gasoline, large butane torches, lighter fluid, and new cigarette lighters underneath the driver's seat. The items appeared to be set ready for immediate use.

Missirilian was parked approximately 10 feet from a large dry unburned area where the Blue Cut Fire had not burned. Missirilian was arrested for arson and for violating his arson / parole terms. He was booked at West Valley Detention Center without incident.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463) or you may leave information on the We-Tip Hotline at www.wetip.com.

http://www.highlandnews.net/news/crime_and_fire/deputies-arrest-arson-registrant-with-flammables/article_580dc9fc-7378-11e6-8be7-6bae4529bd3b.html

Update 4: Two Fatalities Reported Following Highway 138 Crash – One Driver Identified

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

Posted: September 5, 2016, 2:18 PM

UPDATE 4: Tuesday, September 6 – 4:33 a.m.

Cajon Pass – The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner has released the name of one of the drivers involved in the fatal traffic accident on Highway 138 on Labor Day as Bruce Eisenhower, 63, from Tustin.

The name of the second victim will be released when his next-of-kin have been notified.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

The California Highway Patrol's preliminary investigation indicates that a white Chevrolet was traveling westbound on Highway 138 west of I-15 just before 1:30 p.m. and collided head-on into the gold Mazda Tribute driven by Eisenhower.

Both drivers were pronounced dead at the scene that closed Highway 138 for several hours.

The investigation by the CHP is ongoing.

UPDATE 3: Monday, September 5 – 6:45 p.m.

Cajon Pass – The California Highway Patrol and Caltrans are reporting Highway 138 has reopened following a double fatality accident just west of I-15 in the Cajon Pass.

UPDATE 2: Monday, September 5 – 2:45 p.m.

Cajon Pass – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol are reporting Highway 138 is closed at Lone Pine Canyon Road and at the junction of I-15 due to the double fatality accident.

UPDATE: Monday, September 5 – 2:36 p.m.

Cajon Pass – California Highway Patrol units and **San Bernardino County Fire** personnel have been working a double fatality accident on Highway 138 just west of I-15 in the Cajon Pass since about 1:30 p.m.

The crash — which required several patients to be extricated from their vehicles — involved three vehicles.

The CHP website reports the vehicles were a brown SUV, a white sedan and a silver sedan.

A hard closure of Highway 138 was requested with vehicles being turned around in both directions due to the complete blockage of Highway 138, according to the CHP website.

ORIGINAL STORY

Cajon Pass – Two fatalities have been reported by the California Highway Patrol following a traffic accident on Highway 138 a mile west of I-15 in the Cajon Pass.

San Bernardino County Fire has posted information that there are two fatalities and requested additional ground ambulances to the scene.

A SigAlert was issued for Highway 138 at 1:43 p.m.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/09/05/two-fatalities-reported-following-highway-138-crash/>

SigAlert issued for Highway 138 after fatal crash

Liset Márquez, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Posted: September 5, 2016 2:41 PM

CAJON PASS >> Highway 138 has been closed in both directions Monday afternoon after a double-fatality collision near the Cajon Pass Monday.

The crash was reported on Highway 138 a mile west of the 15 Freeway at 1:30 p.m., an official with California Highway Patrol.

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** tweeted firefighters were on scene to help with extrication. The department also tweeted that there were two fatalities and ground ambulances were requested.

The SigAlert was issued at 1:43 p.m. and the freeway is closed between Lone Pine Canyon to the east and the 15 freeway to the west.

Southbound traffic on the 15 Freeway was backed up to the Main Street exit in Hesperia as of 2:30 p.m.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160905/sigalert-issued-for-highway-138-after-fatal-crash>

Double Fatal Crash Shuts Down Highway 138

Victor Valley News

Posted: September 5, 2016



(Photo by Kim George)

CAJON PASS, CA:(VVNG.com)- Two people were killed in a fatal crash along state route 138 on Labor Day Monday.

Per CHP incident logs, the three-vehicle crash was reported at 1:30 p.m. approximately one mile west of highway 138.

San Bernardino County Fire responded and assisted with the extrication of one immediate patient. Two fatalities were confirmed and ground ambulances were requested, according to a tweet from SB County Fire.

At 1:44 p.m. a SigAlert was issued shutting down highway 138 between Lone Pine Canyon Road and at the 15 freeway.

The San Bernardino Coroner's has been requested to respond to the scene.

Information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/double-fatal-crash-shuts-down-highway-138/>

Firefighters help community with Blue Cut Fires

Cpl. Thomas Mudd, Hi Desert Star

Posted: September 2, 2016, 12:38 PM



Combat Center firefighters extinguish a simulated car fire at the Fire Department aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., Aug. 26, 2016. Lance Cpl. Levi Schultz

Combat Center firefighters are always on call to serve the installation. Occasionally, that response expands past the borders of the front gate, reinforcing the Combat Center's commitment to serving the community. The Combat Center Fire Department received a request for a mutual aid, strike team assignment, to support the Blue Cut Fire in the San Bernardino National Forest, Aug. 17-21. Engine 451, made up of Fire Captain Wayne Giannini, James Carroll, diver and operator, as well as firefighters and paramedics Coy Benedict and Ben Grodjesk, who responded to the request and supported **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

The team reported in to the West Cajon Structure Defense Group with the mission of patrolling the area off California Highway 138, between U.S. Interstate 15 and California Highway 2, locating and extinguishing hot spots with the potential to threaten structures as well as identifying areas for follow-up extinguishing efforts.

"We were out there for about four days putting out hotspots to help make sure the fire does not kick back up again," Grodjesk said. "Being able to go out there and help these people in some of their hardest times is one of the reasons that I do this."

In addition to extinguishing of fires, the Combat Center's firefighters conducted foot patrols around and throughout the area. The team also aided in the cutting down of trees that possessed a falling hazard to people and their possessions in the area.

"By helping out in efforts like the Blue Cut Fires, it allows us to show what we can do to help preserve what they have and help them when they need it," Grodjesk said. "It is one of the most important things we can do as firefighters."

Warming up to meet mission

The Combat Center Fire Department works to provide the Combat Center and the surrounding community with high quality emergency fire and rescue service, an excellent fire prevention program, a fire fighting force capable of handling emergencies which include structural firefighting, hazardous material response, all types of rescues, and other various emergencies and catastrophes. In order to maintain the high standard of training and education required of their personnel, the Combat Center Fire Department conducted training and certification to continue to prepare for future emergencies at the Combat Center's Fire Station, Aug. 26.

The training simulated an apartment fire, a propane fire and a car fire. These help the firefighters remain ready for the types of emergencies they could face aboard the base.

“We conducted this training today for two reasons,” said Tom Fowler, fire captain, Combat Center Fire Department. “The first was to certify a new firefighter and see if he is prepared to work in this job field. The second is to keep the ideas and techniques fresh in the minds of the members of this department. We are doing everything we can to be ready for the people of the community and any emergency.”

The training keeps the members of the fire department up to the task of responding to any emergency so they may continue to improve the quality of life of the Combat Center and the surrounding communities.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/observation_post/news/article_d27c0ff4-7144-11e6-bc8a-a76950e3dec0.html

San Bernardino County, nonprofits reach out to Blue Cut fire victims

The Sun

Posted: September 2, 2016, 1:52 PM



A burned home as seen August 18 in the Mormon Rocks area off of Highway 138 which was destroyed as the Blue Cut fire blazed through the area. Will Lester — Staff Photographer

The county of San Bernardino, United Way, the American Red Cross and other organizations have joined together to provide assistance to those who lost their homes in the Blue Cut fire.

A 211 hotline is available to link residents to various local, state and federal resources, including free health and social services, countywide, 24 hours a day, according to a county news release. Residents affected by the fire can visit the county’s website, www.sbcounty.gov, which has links to services for the homeless and information on rebuilding homes. The county is also working to quickly secure state and federal services for the fire victims including low-interest loans for homeowners and businesses, according to the news release.

The Blue Cut fire started at 10:36 a.m. Aug. 16 in the Cajon Pass, north of Kenwood Avenue and west of the 15 Freeway. It burned 36,274 acres and destroyed 105 homes, 216 outbuildings and damaged eight other homes and structures. It was contained Aug. 23.

Additionally, United Way and the American Red Cross will be coordinating with the county and a network of local social service nonprofits to provide assistance and resources to help families address a variety of needs.

Donations can be made online at www.IEUW.org/help, by texting RELIEF to 40403, or by check made payable to Inland Empire United Way. Send check to: IEUW Fire Fund, 9644 Hermosa Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.

For more information on 211 or the Fire Relief Fund, visit www.IEUW.org.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160902/san-bernardino-county-nonprofits-reach-out-to-blue-cut-fire-victims>

Man Stabbed During Fight

Chuck Wyatt, *Alpenhorn News*

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Twin Peaks Sheriff's deputies arrested Max Edward Woolery, 27, resident of Running Springs, on August 21, after an argument turned extremely bloody.

In a statement to *The Alpenhorn News* by a Sheriff's Department spokesperson, it was reported that Sheriff's deputies responded to a stabbing in the 31000 block of Luring Pines Circle, Running Springs, on August 21, shortly after 11:00 p.m.

The Sheriff's Department spokesperson related that Woolery and the victim had become embroiled in an argument, the topic of which was not released, and Woolery is alleged to have pulled what was described as a utility knife from his pocket and allegedly stabbed the victim multiple times.

Authorities said that the victim sustained six lacerations to his back, all of different diameters, depths and lengths, a four-inch laceration to the back of his neck and a laceration to his head.

San Bernardino County Fire Paramedics transported the victim to the Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

Woolery was booked at the Central Detention Center in San Bernardino for violation of California Penal Code Section 245, (assault with a deadly weapon). Woolery's bail was set at \$50,000.

On August 23, Woolery was arraigned in the Superior Court and formally charged with one count of assault with a deadly weapon, other than a firearm, with great bodily injury likely to occur. Woolery entered a not guilty plea and Superior Court Commissioner Ronald J. Gilbert scheduled a Preliminary Hearing for September 2, appointing the San Bernardino County Public Defender's Office to represent Woolery. Gilbert raised Woolery's bail to \$150,000.00

If convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, other than a firearm, as the sole conviction, the maximum penalty is imprisonment in the state prison not to exceed four years, a fine not to exceed \$10,000, or by a combination of imprisonment and fine.

<http://alpenhornnews.com/man-stabbed-during-fight-p7454-172.htm>

Update: Boating Accident Claims Life of 4-Year-Old Boy

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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UPDATE – Monday, September 5 – 1:25 p.m.

Lake Arrowhead, CA – The Twin Peaks Sheriff’s Station has released additional details related to the death of four-year-old Gideon Zilberstein following a boating accident on Lake Arrowhead.

INCIDENT UPDATE

The Sheriff’s Department advisory indicates a male adult was operating his boat on Lake Arrowhead with his family as well as a second family. He was pulling an adult skier, the victims mother, when she fell.

“The driver turned the boat to retrieve the skier,” the release states, “when the boy fell from the boat into the water. The boat struck the boy causing severe traumatic injuries. The boat operator and the victim’s father entered the water and recovered the victim.”

THE RESPONSE

Arrowhead Lake Association (ALA) patrol boats responded to the incident location within minutes as well as San Bernardino County Fire personnel who pronounced the victim deceased at 4:33 p.m. Sunday.

“The investigation is ongoing,” according to the release, “but intoxication does not appear to be a factor. All juvenile passengers were wearing their personal floatation devices.”

THE INVESTIGATION

Specially trained deputies from the Colorado River Station’s Boating Accident Investigation Team (BAIT) responded to the Twin Peaks Sheriff’s Station to assist with the investigation.

Anyone who witnessed or has information regarding the Lake Arrowhead incident is encouraged to call Sergeant Harris at the Twin Peaks Sheriff’s Station at (909) 336-0600.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Some reports have the age of Gideon Zilberstein as 5-years-old. However, the San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner reports the young boy was 4-years-old.

ORIGINAL STORY

Lake Arrowhead, CA – A boating accident on Lake Arrowhead Sunday afternoon claimed the life of a 4-year-old boy from Woodland Hills.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner has identified the youngster as Gideon Zilberstein.

THE INCIDENT

At 4:21 p.m., authorities indicate that the boy was riding in the bow section of the boat while the operator was pulling a water skier.

The skier fell into Lake Arrowhead and the driver turned the boat around, which resulted in the boy falling off the vessel which overran him causing traumatic injuries.

San Bernardino County Fire personnel responded to the scene and the boy was pronounced dead at 4:33 p.m.

INVESTIGATION

The incident is under investigation by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/09/05/boating-accident-claims-life-of-4-year-old-boy/>

Pilot Fire Community Meeting Set for September 8

Highland News

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SAN BERNARDINO, California, August 30, 2016 - San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford's office will host the public safety agencies at the September Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting to discuss the Pilot Fire.

The meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on September 8th at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa. The Pilot Fire started on Sunday, August 7, 2016 and burned 8,110 acres resulting in evacuations in Deer Lodge Park, North Lake Arrowhead, and parts of Hesperia.

The US Forest Service, CALFIRE, **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol will provide a brief overview of the fire, impacts to the community and answer questions.

The Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa is located at 27984 State Highway 189 in Lake Arrowhead.

http://www.highlandnews.net/news/crime_and_fire/pilot-fire-community-meeting-set-for-september/article_7fcc1b02-7444-11e6-8d1e-5bda2b1ea847.html